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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN OF
PRESS RELEASE OF PLO OBSERVER TO UNIDO DATED AT VIENNA,
FEBRUARY 9, 1977, BUT RELEASED FEBRUARY 14 TO MEDIA:
(HEADING) "BUREAU OF PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION VIENNA
(SUBHEADING) "STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU
OF THE PLO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA,
DR. GHAZI HUSSAIN.

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" I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HAPPINESS AT HAVING
STARTED MY WORK IN THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

"THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY AUSTRIA'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE
IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, NOTABLY THE ATTITUDE OF
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR DR. BRUNO KREISKY, WHO ACCORDED

AUSTRIA A SPECIAL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AS WELL AS BY THE NEUTRAL POLICY OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FACT THAT VIENNA IS THE SEAT OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OPEC.

"I SHALL USE MY PRESENCE HERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE AUSTRIAN PUBLIC FAMILIAR WITH THE PLO ATTITUDE TOWARD VARIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING PEACE, STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"THE PLO REJECTS NATIONAL SOCIALISM, FASCISM AND APARTHEID AS WELL AS ALL OTHER RACIST MOVEMENTS WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. IT ALLIGNS ITSELF WITH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IT SUBSCRIBES TO THE UN CHARTER, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE BAN ON GENOCIDE AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

"WE REJECT THE CRIMES OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM AGAINST THE JEWS AND REGARD THEM AS CRIMES AGAINST ALL HUMANITY.

"ANCIENT AS WELL AS MODERN ARAB HISTORY PROVE THAT THE JEWS HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN SAFETY. THEY HAVE NEVER HAD TO ENDURE OPPRESSION OR DISCRIMINATION. IN THIS CONNECTION WE DECLARE QUITE DISTINCTLY THAT WE WOULD SIDE WITH THE JEWS AGAINST THEIR OPPRESSORS.

"ANTI-ZIONISM DOES NOT MEAN ANTI-JUDAISM, FOR ZIONISM IS ONE CAUSE AND JUDAISM ANOTHER. THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE JEWS
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BUT SPRINGS FROM OUR RESOLVE TO DEFEND THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND ACHIEVE THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATIONAL STATEM

"TODAY, THE MIDDLE EAST IS CLOSER TO PEACE THAN EVER BEFORE. AND THIS IS DUE TO ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AND TO ACTIVITIES OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM, AS WELL AS TO THE DEMAND OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF STATES FOR TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND FOR REALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN-ARAB PEOPLE, NOTABLY THEIR RIGHT TO A STATE OF THEIR OWN.

"YET, THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST STILL CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WORLD. THIS IS WHY A JUST POLITICAL SOLUTION MUST SOON BE FOUND. THE BASE OF THIS SOLUTION IS THE PALESTINE PROBLEM WHICH IS THE CORE OF CONFLICTS IN THE REGION.

"AS A NEUTRAL NATIONAL, AUSTRIA IS INTERESTED IN THE ISSUES OF THE THIRD WORLD AND OF WORLD PEACE. THIS INCLUDES PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PLO IS EQUALLY INTERESTED IN A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH IT WANTS TO COOPERATE. THIS IS, NATURALLY, THE MORE SO, SINCE THE PLO NOW HOLDS OBSERVER STATUS IN THE U.N. AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES.

"MY PRESENCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO, THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, OFFERS ME OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY CONTACTS LEADING TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, AND THUS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE.

"I AM FULLY PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION
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OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE SINCE, AFTER ALL, THE PLO WANTS TO DO ITS SHARE TO RELIEVE THE DISASTERS AND SUFFERINGS INFLICTED UPON OUR PEOPLE

"WE WANT TO KEEP THE WHEEL OF PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST TURNING. IN THIS PROCESS THE U.N. CHARTER AND THE U.N. DECISIONS, AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS FAR AS THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS FAR AS THEY CONCERN THE PALESTINE ISSUE AND THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED."BUCHANAN

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